

SELRC AGM 2005

Drill Hall, Chepstow 29.10.2005 MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

David Haigh, Heather Tinsley

2. Minutes of the last AGM

Accepted as true record

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman focused on the need to improve the SELRC website. Lampeter Univ had agreed to host a revised site and it was intended to put in an HLF bid to accomplish this within the 2006/7 financial year when English Heritage and CADW had both agreed to provide financial support. As well as publicising latest news it is hoped that the website could act as a tool to aid research (eg. by having a comprehensive bibliography) and to promote awareness of the rich heritage of the area to the wider public.

5. Treasurer's Report

The financial position was sound at the moment with a balance of £6213 at 19/11/05 but this will probably be £3,800 after printing the volume. Journal sales have gone well and the 2005 conference has been a financial success. There were 166 members last year.

6. Editors report

The volume was shorter than last year and the print run was reduced, both of which helped to bring down costs. John Allen has agreed to organise the refereeing of articles.

7. Election of officers

Emma Tetlow was proposed and elected as Treasurer.

8. SELRC website

Nigel Nayling and Richard Brunning were to put in a bid the Heritage Lottery Fund. Lampeter University have agreed to host the site and CADW and EH have agreed to fund it as partners.

9. Current and forthcoming research

- Newport Ship recording has been agreed and will soon start
- M4 relief road reactivated and may possibly be closer to the Llanwern steelworks
- EH RCZA stage 1 to begin in 2006
- Coastal Habitat Action Management Plan for the Severn will start soon
- MOLAS doing sub tidal study of the Severn for EH
- Alex Brown and Martin Bell at Peterstone looking at prehistoric structures
- Managed realignment proposed at Goldcliff and Stolford-Stearth

10. Field meetings 2006

No suggestions forthcoming.

11. Venue and topics for 2006 AGM

Chepstow proposed as location for next year again as very successful turnout.